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SUBJECT: CHINESE ARCHEOLOGICAL EXHIBITION-EXTENSION
AGREEMENT

REF: A) PEKING 668 B) STATE 32790

1. DEPARTMENT HAS NO PROBLEMS WITH DOCUMENTS AS
OUTLINED IN REF A AND, THEREFORE, AUTHORIZES USLO MOVE
AHEAD WITH SETTING APRIL 14 AS DATE FOR EXCHANGE.

2. WE ASSUME THAT USLO AT TIME OF EXCHANGE WILL PROVIDE
CHINESE WITH COPY OF NOTE (REF B) AMENDING OUR NOTE OF
UNDERSTANDING. IN VIEW MINOR CHANGE INVOLVED AND FACT
THAT CHINESE HAVE NOT COMMENTED ON DRAFT, WE ASSUME
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THEY HAVE NO OBJECTIONS.

3. AT MEETING USLO SHOULD ALSO ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN CHINESE COMMENTS ON SAN FRANCISCO'S PROPOSED PRESS CONFERENCE. FYI. IF CHINESE CONTIN'E TO RAISE PROBLEMS ON PRESS CONFERENCE, IT IS OUR STRONG IMPRESSION THAT SAN FRANCISCO, IN INTEREST OF EXPEDITING ANNOUNCEMENT, WILL DROP IDEA AND SIMPLY MAKE PRESS RELEASE END FYI.

4. FYI: ON APRIL 9 SAN FRANCISCO CITY LEADERS INFORMED

DEPARTMENT THAT PRCLO HAD GIVEN THEM GO AHEAD TO MAKE PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT TO EFFECT THAT SAN FRANCISCO SHOWING OF EXHIBITION UNDER DISCUSSION BETWEEN TWO GOVERNMENTS. WE CALLED PRCLO'S HSIEH CH'I-MEI, INFORMED HIM OF THE INFORMATION FROM SF AND EXPLAINED THAT USLO HAD BEEN TOLD BY MFA THAT PRC PREFERS ANNOUNCEMENT ONLY AFTER EXCHANGE OF DOCUMENTS WERE COMPLETED. HSIEH CALLED BACK AND STATED THAT PRCLO'S UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT DEPARTMENT RELEASE MUST AWAIT EXCHANGE, BUT THAT IF "LOCAL SPONSORS" WISHED TO MAKE ANNOUNCEMENT, "THAT WAS UP TO THEM". WHILE HSIEH REFUSED TO FLATLY STATE SO, HE INDICATED THAT PRCLO WOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM IF SF WERE TO MAKE PRELIMINARY RELEASE. AT THIS POINT WHOLE EXERCISE WAS NULLIFIED BY CHARACTERISTICALLY MERCURIAL SF DECISION THAT IT DIDN'T WISH TO ISSUE PRELIMINARY RELEASE AND WOULD AWAIT GO-AHEAD FOR FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT. END FYI. KISSINGER

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